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A message to Members of the Legislature  
From Governor Haley Barbour

As you move toward final consideration of education issues this session, I wanted to reiterate my support for a program under which all first graders would be screened for dyslexia. As the attached article points out, dyslexia affects up to one in five school-age children in the U.S. of all races and income levels.

One of the most effective steps we can take to improve education in Mississippi is to identify dyslexic students early on so they can receive the appropriate treatment, leading to a better chance for success.

I urge you to join me in supporting such a program.

Attachment